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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hayden et al.

Serial No. 10/735,596

Filed: December 12, 2003

For: SPORTS SHAFT

Examiner: Unknown

Art Unit: Unknown

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL IN VIEW OF INFRINGING PRODUCT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This Petition to Make Special is in response to infringing products currently being, sold, offered for sale, used, or made in the United States of lacrosse shafts that infringe on one or more claims of the above referenced patent application. In support of this petition, the applicants make the following statements:

- Infringing product has been observed for sale, offered for sale, used, or made;
- A rigid comparison of the infringing product has been made and the infringing product reads on at least application claims 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, 33, and 34.
- A careful and thorough search of the prior art has been made, the references for the search are submitted herewith.

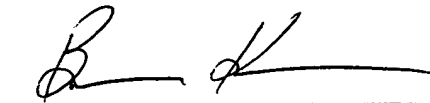
In view of the above, the applicants respectfully request that this application be made special. A petition fee of \$130.00 is included herewith.

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If there are fees due under 37 U.S.C. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not otherwise accounted for, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2623.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 27 2004

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